

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

No claims have been amended. Claims 1-12 and 37-48 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-12 and 37-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilhelmsson et al. (US 6,3174,421, hereinafter Wilhelmsson) in view of Balazinski, et al. (US 6,711,143, hereinafter Balazinski). The Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of Wilhelmsson and Balazinski is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c).

Statement of Common Ownership

The present application was filed after November 29, 1999.

The present application, Wilhelmsson and Balazinski were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, all owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson, a Swedish corporation.

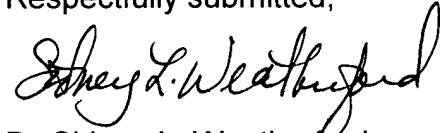
Because Wilhelmsson and Balazinski are disqualified as prior art, a 103 rejection is not proper. Therefore, the allowance of claims 1-12 and 37-48 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-12 and 37-48.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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